

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6447

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the position of Chief Data Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-
3 land Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CHIEF DATA OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
5 **HOMELAND SECURITY.**

6 Section 703 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
7 (6 U.S.C. 343) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new subsection:

9 “(c) CHIEF DATA OFFICER.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
11 tion with the Chief Information Officer, shall des-
12 ignate a career appointee (as such term is defined
13 in section 3132 of title 5, United States Code) of the
14 Department as the Chief Data Officer of the De-
15 partment.

16 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Chief Data Officer
17 shall possess demonstrated training and experience
18 in the management, governance, generation, collec-
19 tion, protection, analysis, use, and sharing of data,
20 including the protection and de-identification of per-
21 sonally identifiable information.

22 “(3) FUNCTIONS.—The Chief Data Officer
23 shall be responsible for the following:

24 “(A) Ensuring that the Department con-
25 forms with data management best practices rec-

1 ognized across industry and the Federal Gov-
2 ernment.

3 “(B) Coordinating the organization and in-
4 tegration of data across the Department for im-
5 proved interoperability, analysis, and decision-
6 making.

7 “(C) Reviewing the impact of the infra-
8 structure of the Department regarding data in-
9 tegrity and interoperability.

10 “(D) Coordinating the release of data for
11 public use following appropriate privacy reviews
12 within the Department, as coordinated with the
13 Chief Privacy Officer.

14 “(E) Promoting the use of modern data
15 systems to improve Department operations.

16 “(F) Coordinating the storage of Depart-
17 ment records in accordance with the National
18 Archives and Records Administration’s General
19 Records Schedules.

20 “(G) Overseeing, in coordination with the
21 Chief Privacy Officer of the Department, as ap-
22 propriate, the Department’s compliance with
23 the following responsibilities:

24 “(i) Issuing guidelines ensuring and
25 maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility

1 and integrity of information (including sta-
2 tistical information).

3 “(ii) Establishing administrative
4 mechanisms that allow affected persons to
5 seek and obtain correction of information
6 maintained and disseminated by relevant
7 components of the Department that does
8 not comply with the Department’s guide-
9 lines.

10 “(iii) Reporting to the Director of the
11 Office of Management and Budget about
12 the number and nature of complaints re-
13 ceived by relevant components of the De-
14 partment regarding the accuracy of infor-
15 mation disseminated and how such com-
16 plaints were handled by such components.

17 “(H) Coordinating with appropriate offi-
18 cials of the Department, including the Chief
19 Privacy Officer, component privacy officers,
20 component Chief Data Officers, and program
21 managers, regarding the use of data within
22 their respective components and under their au-
23 thorities.

24 “(I) Serving as the liaison to other Federal
25 agencies and the Office of Management and

1 Budget on data and the best way to use exist-
2 ing Department data for statistical purposes.

3 “(4) COMPONENT CHIEF DATA OFFICERS.—The
4 heads of each operational component of the Depart-
5 ment, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer of
6 the Department and the Chief Information Officer
7 of such component, shall designate a career ap-
8 pointee (as such term is defined in section 3132 of
9 title 5, United States Code) from each such compo-
10 nent of the Department as the Chief Data Officer of
11 their respective component. Each such component
12 Chief Data Officer shall—

13 “(A) have the qualifications described
14 under subsection (c)(2); and

15 “(B) coordinate with and assist the Chief
16 Data Officer of the Department in the imple-
17 mentation of the functions specified in subpara-
18 graphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (3) for
19 their respective component.

20 “(5) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after
21 the date of the enactment of this subsection and pe-
22 riodically thereafter as necessary, the Secretary shall
23 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
24 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
25 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the

1 Senate a report on the implementation of this sub-
2 section, including any concerns regarding such im-
3 plementation.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 4,
2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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